



**STATEMENT SUPPORTING
HOUSE BILL 5370: AN ACT AUTHORIZING BONDS OF THE STATE FOR
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS OF MODERATE RENTAL HOUSING OPERATED BY THE
HARTFORD HOUSING AUTHORITY**

**COMMITTEE ON HOUSING
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The MetroHartford Alliance is Hartford's Chamber of Commerce and the region's economic development leader. The membership of the MetroHartford Alliance is representative of businesses of all sizes, health care providers, and institutions of higher education, as well as 34 municipalities. The Alliance's mission is to ensure that the Hartford Region competes aggressively and successfully for jobs, talent and capital so that it thrives as one of the country's premier places for all people to live, work, play, and raise a family.

The MetroHartford Alliance understands that in order to create a safe, clean, attractive city, we must help create safe, clean, attractive housing options for our community. For the last several years, the Hartford Housing Authority has become a catalyst in creating strong communities for families through the rehabilitation and renovations of several housing complexes. The impact that these renovations have had in the community are immeasurable.

House Bill 5370 will authorize state bonds for improvements on another underprivileged and underserved section of our community. This will give the Hartford Housing Authority the ability to continue to provide residents in the City of Hartford with safe, decent and affordable high quality housing options.